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## AMU Now Providing Dynamic TV To Customers

The future is now with Dynamic TV from Algona Municipal Utilities.

Dynamic TV changes everything offering more HD Programming, new networks, whole home DVR, and Restart TV allowing you to restart a program at just the touch



of a button.

Plus, you can use voice activation to run Dynamic TV with Alexa, Amazon Echo, and Google Home.

If you need Crazy Fast Internet speeds, then turn to Algona Municipal Utilities.

Speeds start at 70 Meg, allowing you to browse more, watch more, and play more.

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Stop at our office in downtown Algona for more information on AMU Communications Services and make the switch today.



## Free Preview Event

### August 16th - 19th

HBO will be on Channel 20  
Cinemax will be on Channel 21

Plus the HBO & Cinemax Networks in AMU's Digital Basic Will Be Available

This Preview May Contain R and Mature Rated Programs.

Algona Municipal Utilities will provide an HBO - Cinemax Free Preview August 16th through the 19th.

HBO will feature the movies "The Mule", "Aquaman" and "A Star Is

Born."

Cinemax will feature "Ready Player One", "Inception", and "American Made."

This preview may contain R and Mature Rated programs.

Learn More About Dynamic TV At The Kossuth County Fair July 31st - August 3rd. The AMU Booth Will Be At The South End Of Floral Hall From Noon To 8 PM Each Day.



## Put Energy Efficiency On Your Shopping List

### Energy Efficient Light Bulbs

LEDs are at least 75% more efficient than conventional incandescent bulbs and last much longer.

LEDs are dimmable and provide warm, high quality light.

### Low Flow Fixtures

The average household uses 300 gallons of water per day. You can reduce your energy costs substantially by using less hot water. Water-efficient showerheads and faucet aerators typically cost less than \$20 and take only minutes

to install.

### Pipe Insulation

Insulating your hot water pipes will reduce heat loss and increase the water temperature by as much as 4 °F, allowing you to save energy by lowering the temperature setting, Pipe insulation sleeves are simple to install and often cost less than \$15.

### Programmable Thermostats

A programmable thermostat automatically adjust household temperatures based on your schedule, optimizing savings, com-

fort and convenience.

Newer WiFi and smart models provide advance features, such as remote programming and self-programming.

### Insulating Spray Foam

Gaps and cracks around plumbing and wire access in your basement and attic may be sending your heating and cooling dollars outdoors. A can of spray foam cost about \$15 and can save you money and make your home more comfortable all year long.

## Keeping Your Upstairs Cool This Summer

If your home has a second story, you know that heat rises. For many, the answer is to crank up the air conditioning even more, but that typically just turns your living room into an ice box.

The real key to upstairs comfort is limiting heat gain and circulating the air. Ceiling fans make upstairs rooms feel cooler by circulating the air and providing a cooling sensation on your skin. Just be sure to turn them off when you leave to avoid wasting energy.

Invest in thermal blocking drapes and close them whenever there is direct sunlight. This will limit heat gain, keeping your entire house cooler.

Because we're so used to air conditioning, it's easy to forget that sometimes it's actually cooler outside. On cool nights, open your windows and let that air in.

If it's still too warm upstairs, hire a qualified professional to check your attic for air leaks and ensure that it's properly insulated.

Now, go ahead and enjoy your upstairs this summer. It's cool.

## AMU's Blast From The Past - Front Office

AMU's administrative office and the original power plant once stood where the Algona City Hall is now located.

Office personnel pictured in this post, from left to right, are Ira Kohl, Ivy Scuffham, Mrs. Lee Schenck, C.U. Pollard, and Lora Mitchell.



## Simple Steps for Creating Dramatic Outdoor Lighting

You don't have to be rich or famous to create interesting lighting effects outside your home. All you need is a reasonable investment in time and money. Decide which kind of outdoor lighting you desire. They typically fall into three categories.

Accent lighting is done for dramatic effect. You can highlight yard art with uplighting.

Ambient lighting provides comfort to outdoor rooms, patios, hot tubs and spa areas.

Task lighting for pathways or steps is done by

keeping the light between the object that needs to be lit and the viewer (the path, the step, the outdoor grill).

Security lighting should be used to protect your property, but remember that too much light in one area can create dark pockets just outside the range of the lights. One solution is to use motion-activated security lights.

Follow these simple steps to transform your home into a lighting showplace:

- Never use lights in

straight lines along paths.

- Use blue-white bulbs or similar filters for your lighting fixtures (yellow bulbs are not flattering to plants).
- Lights should be easily accessible for changing.
- Test your lighting scheme before you permanently place the fixtures.
- Use low wattage bulbs whenever possible.

LEDs are also a good choice for outdoor lighting. They reduce the amount of shadows if properly installed. They work well in colder temperatures.



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